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Box Score

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AUGUSTA

ARMSTRONG STATE

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	AUGUSTA (17-16)	15	25	16	25	14	2	
	ARMSTRONG STATE (24-6)	25	14	25	22	16	3	



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MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. - The No. 3-seeded Armstrong State University volleyball squad outlasted No. 6-seeded Augusta University, 3-2, in the first round of the Peach Belt Conference Championships in Milledgeville, Ga., on Friday afternoon. Set scores were: 25-15, 14-25, 25-16, 22-25, 16-14.

GAME LEADERS

AUGUSTA

K: Blair Bolton - 14

B: Jessica Hedrick - 6

D: Jordan Bickett - 15

Armstrong State (23-7) now advances to the PBC Tournament semifinals, facing the winner of Friday night's matchup between second-seeded USC Aiken and seventh-seeded Georgia College at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. It is the 17th time in the last 18 seasons that the Pirates have advanced to the semifinals. Augusta sees its season come to a close at 17-16.

The Pirates started off well, hitting a stellar .364 in set number one to take a one set lead. Augusta held the Pirates to just an .029 hitting percentage and only eight kills in evening the match up at one set apiece. Armstrong State took the third set and led 20-18 in the fourth set when the Jaguars got a kill by Rachel Windle and reeled off four straight points on the serve of Payton Murchie to take a 24-20 lead and close out the fourth set, forcing a fifth.

In the fifth set, the Pirates and the Jaguars were tied up at 10-all when back-to-back hitting errors put Armstrong State ahead 12-10. A Pirate error followed by a kill by senior **Kim Brody** made the lead 13-11, but Augusta rallied back to tie at 13-all on a kill by Windle and a ball handling error by the Pirates.

A kill from Brody made it 14-13 and gave the Pirates their first match point, but a service error tied it up at 14-all. Augusta followed with a service error and then freshman **Kelley Adkins** delivered a service ace on match point No. 2 to clinch the victory for the Pirates.

Armstrong State was led on the day by Brody's 18 kills and .353 hitting percentage, while senior **Rachel Thompson** and sophomore **Raegan Grooms** each added 13 kills. Freshman **Autumn Mayo** added 10 kills, while sophomore **Carley Eiken** delivered 58 assists and junior **Iva Scepanovic** tallied 24 digs.

Augusta was led by Blair Bolton's 14 kills and .355 hitting percentage. Jordan Bickett added 12 kills and Savanna Gonzales added 10 kills, while Murchie notched 31 assists and Bickett added 15 digs.



SA: Jessica Hedrick - 2
ARMSTRONG STATE
K: Kim Brody - 18
B: Rachel Thompson - 4
D: Iva Scepanovic - 24
SA: Carley Eiken - 3

TEAM STATS		
AUGUSTA		ARMSTRONG STATE
.211	Hitting %	.236
10.5	Blocks	8.5
61	Digs	76
4	Aces	8

FULL STATS



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